(8) Surveys have been conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board on the vehicular emissions in the major cities and towns in the country. The findings of the survey have been used for taking mitigative measures.

(9) The ambient air quality of various cities and towns are being monitored regularly through a network of 290 monitoring stations under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme.

(10) Emission form highly polluting industrial units and thermal power plants are regularly monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Boards and action is taken against the defaulting units.

(11) Emissions and ambient air quality standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Primary Schools in Orissa

*258. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there are 1084 primary schools without rooms in Orissa;

(b) whether any evaluation has been conducted in Orissa, regarding centrally Sponsored Schemas of Operation Black-Board and Non-Formal Education Programmes; and

(c) the details of the remedial action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) According to the Sixth All India Educational Survey (AIES) 1993, conducted by NCERT, New Delhi 734 primary schools in Orissa had no rooms.

(b) Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Operation Black-Board (OB) and Non-Formal Education (NFE) have been evaluated in various States including Orissa.

(c) The evaluation report indicates deficiencies in implementation of Operation Black-Board such as delay in construction of class rooms, inadequate teacher training and centralised purchase of uniform teaching learning equipment for all schools.

As a follow up on the evaluation report, State Government have been given flexibility to select teaching learning equipment relevant for the State. They have also been advised to decentralise purchases under the scheme. A Special Orientation programme for training of primary teachers has been initiated under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education to Facilitate better utilisation of OB materials.

With regard to NFE programme, the deficiencies pointed out by the evaluation report in respect of monitoring, coordination, need to fill up vacant posts, adequate training to NFE functionaries regularity in payment of honorarium have been brought to the notice of Government of Orissa for remedical action.

This Department has been monitoring action taken in this regard in Regional Review meetings of Education Secretaries.

Development of Train Systems for Cities

*259. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are ready to go in for joint venture with State Governments to develop train systems for cities;